

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the abstract as follows.

Protein is produced ~~A method for producing competent gene products~~ in human hepatocyte cells ~~by a method comprising, said method comprising the following steps:~~ providing ~~Providing~~ a DNA construct in which a gene encoding a protein of interest is operably linked to a modified heat-inducible promoter, preferably the Hi-Hot promoter; ~~introducing the~~ Introducing ~~said~~ DNA construct into a human hepatocyte cell line, either by transformation or by transfection, to form a transformed or transfected ~~host~~ cell line ~~lines, respectively;~~ and subjecting the ~~Subjecting~~ ~~said~~ transformed or transfected ~~transfected~~ cell line ~~lines~~ to a transient increase in temperature and permitting the translation to protein to occur after the temperature has been returned to normal growth temperatures of the ~~said~~ host cells, whereby the production of ~~said~~ protein of interest occurs.